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SUBJECT: ISSUES AT UNGA

REF: STATE 184584 AND 192437

1. CHARGE MET FOR HOUR WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS
ISA BABA TO DISCUSS ISSUES BEFORE UNGA. US POSITION AND
VIEWS ON KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE WERE PRESENTED FIRST.
BABA OBSERVED IN REPLY THAT LARG OPPOSED US ON THIS
QUESTION AS WELL AS ON OTHERS SUCH AS KOREA, AS WE KNEW.
IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT WINNING VOTES AND GAINING
PROPAGANDA VICTORIES MIGHT BE GOOD IN THEORY, BUT
PRACTICAL PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS WAS
THING WHICH COUNTED. TEN DAYS AGO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR
AT TUNIS VISITED HERE TO PRESS HIS CASE.

2. BABA SAID OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS ONE ON PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE WAS OF FOREMOST INTEREST TO LARG. MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEM, HE DECLARED, BOILED DOWN TO QUESTION OF
PALESTINIANS. ON UNRWA ITEM BABA MENTIONED LIBYA WOULD
AGAIN PLEDGE CONTRIBUTION OF \$600,000 WHICH, HE SAID,
IS MORE THAN SAUDI ARABIA OR ANY OTHER ARAB STATE PUTS UP.

3. LARG BELIEVES IN AUSTERITY TREATMENT FOR ITS OFFICIALS

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AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO JOIN US IN OPPOSING UN SALARY INCREASE.

4. LIBYA HAS ARAB GROUP BACKING ON ITS CANDIDACY FOR
MEMBERSHIP TO NEW ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. BABA SAID LARG
HAS KEEN INTEREST IN SUBJECT AND WOULD APPRECIATE US
SUPPORT IN THE VOTING. PERHAPS OUR SUPPORT COULD BE
DEVELOPED INTO SOME RECIPROCAL ACTION BY LARG.
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